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Monthly Report from District One

Honorable Debra A Squires-Lee & Honorable Lee M. Peterson
**Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Puerto Rico and
Rhode Island**

THE LAWYERS HAVE HEART 5K In Honor of The Honorable Maureen Mulligan, Superior Court December 10, 1961 – December 25, 2023

Thank you to our membership who participated in the Lawyers Have Heart 5K on June 4, 2026 in Boston. District One was running / walking to raise money for the American Heart Association and in honor of our friend and colleague Hon. Maureen Mulligan who died on Christmas two years ago. **Judge Cathi Campbell** – District Court and now Superior Court – an accomplished marathoner and coach, trained us. Below are some photos from the event.





All the current women judges of the Land Court, Judges Diane Rubin, Lauren Reznick, and Sarah Turano-Flores, all of whom are members of NAWJ and participated in the 5K, pose with the portrait of the first female justice of the Land Court, Judge Marilyn Sullivan.



**NAWJ Member Judge Teresa Lamarre is
Changing Lives Through Literature**



Chief Probation Office Sheila Moriarty, Facilitator May O'Sullivan, and NAWJ Member Judge Teresa Lamarre.

**The June 11, 2026 Annual Spring Conference Full day CLTL
conference included judges, probation staff, facilitators.**

Over 80 judges, probation staff, and facilitators came together at the MA Probation Training Center in Clinton for the annual CLTL conference. The day kicked off with opening remarks from CLTL Chair, Judge Jeremy Bucci and Chief Probation Office Rhonda Akers. Facilitators Rosalind (Roz) Kabrhel and Sreemoyee Bhattacharyya led attendees in a mock CLTL program discussion centered around characters in a short story and poem. The highlight of the day

came from four graduates of CLTL, where each spoke of their experience with the program, how it affected them, and its impact since graduating. Assistant Chief Probation Officer Erin Beaton and Associate Probation Officer Alexandra Hunt lead the discussion - one of the graduates has requested to re-take the program, just because it was so impactful for him. Research Analyst Pavitra Chari moderated the afternoon breakout groups which rounded out the day. Groups consisted of veterans and newcomer team members and discussed real issues that arise during a class such as, "What do you do if the book you are reading falls flat with the participants?"

If you would like to learn more about CLTL, please email the program administrator at cltl@jud.state.ma.us.

BY HER HONOR

NAWJ Member Amy Nechtem, Former Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Juvenile Court Launched Podcast Focused on Child Advocacy



Chief Nechtem (ret.) (pictured above) discusses access to child services for parents and children as they navigate the complexities of juvenile justice. A team of Suffolk University students helped establish former Chief Nechtem's podcast called "By Her Honor". The podcast will focus on vulnerable children and families to engage in prevention to change lives. The conversation is based on prevention and intervention to identify children early who are at risk to prevent issues in the future. Learn more about the podcast and sign up for episodes [HERE](#)

**NAWJ T-SHIRTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE-
PURCHASE ONE BEFORE THEY ARE SOLD OUT!!!**



The T-shirts for our Running for the Rule of Law event are in!! They are **purple** (in honor of Judge Maureen Mulligan), have NAWJ's logo on the front and "Running for the Rule of Law" on the back. We ordered 60. So, as soon as all runners and walkers get their shirts, we plan to offer first come first serve to the membership!! They are \$8.50 each – If you are a runner / walker, please email **NAWJ D1 Co-Director Debra A. Squires-Lee** at debra.squireslee@jud.state.ma.us with your size (Small, Medium, Large or Extra Large) and VENMO @Jeff-Lee-10 the last four phone digits are 0014. If you pay \$10 any extra will either go to the American Heart Association or the NAWJ District One fund.

NAWJ 2026 Annual Conference

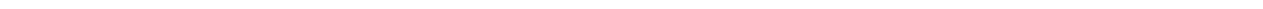
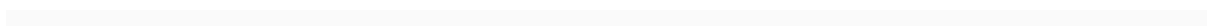
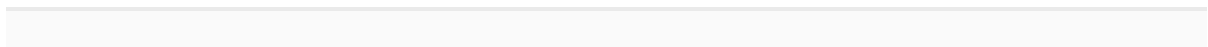
The 2026 annual conference will be held October 15-17, 2026, in New Orleans at the historic Roosevelt Hotel. This year's conference theme is *Rooted in Justice, Rising in Rhythm* and the education committee has finalized the education sessions for the event, kicking off with Emmy Award-winning journalist

Michelle Miller for our opening plenary. We are also excited to announce the Opening Reception will be at the historic Brown-Villere Mansion. Check out the full list of programming session titles [here](#).



Registration is now open and the schedule overview is also published. Register early to take advantage of the Early Bird rate and [guarantee your room](#) at The Roosevelt Hotel.

This event is wonderfully supported by our sponsors and open to everyone in the judicial and legal community.





THANK YOU ALL NAWJ DISTRICT ONE DINNER HOSTS!

Appeals Court Justice Ariane Vuono, Superior Court Judge Amy Karangekis, and District Court Judge Mary Beth Ogulewicz are planning a dinner in Western Massachusetts.

Chief Justice Amy Nechtem (ret.) is arranging a north shore dinner at Mission on the Bay in Swampscott, Massachusetts.

Appeals Court Justice Gloria Tan, Chief Justice of Land Court Diane R. Rubin and Probate & Family Court Judge Manisha H. Bhatt and **Marylou Muirhead** (apologies Marylou for missing your name in the May report) are organizing a Boston area dinner.

Superior Court Judges Valerie A. N. Yarashus, Karin Bell and Sarah Hamilton are hosting the Worcester area/west of 128 dinner.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to host dinner! You can have a potluck at someone's home, or you can find a restaurant that works. We still need volunteers to coordinate dinners in any of the following general locations: South Shore / South Coast Massachusetts / Rhode Island (which could be with South Coast) / New Hampshire.

Please email us if you would be willing to plan such a dinner or other informal gathering this summer.



District One is proud to welcome the following new members:

Judge Mary M. Ferriter, Massachusetts Probate & Family Court

Judge Michelle D. Licciardi, Boston Municipal Court

Welcome to NAWJ Judge Ferriter and Judge Licciardi!

YOU WILL LOVE IT!